

5. A message encoding format profile functionality as claimed in claim 4, wherein the ATM network includes an AAL2 Adaptation layer.

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6. A message encoding format profile functionality as claimed in claim 5, wherein the AAL2 adaptation layer includes an I.366.2 Service Specific Convergence Sublayer.
7. A message encoding format profile functionality as claimed in any one of the previous claims, wherein the first network is an access network.
8. A message encoding format profile functionality as claimed in claim 7, wherein the first network is a radio access network.
9. A message encoding format profile functionality as claimed in claim 8, wherein the radio access network is a UMTS access network.
10. A message encoding format profile functionality as claimed in claim 7, wherein the first network is a PLMN.
11. A message encoding format profile functionality as claimed in any one of claims 4 to 10, wherein the message encoding format profile functionality is located in a node of the core network.
12. A message encoding format profile functionality as claimed in claim 11, wherein the node is a UMSC of the core network.
13. A message encoding format profile functionality as claimed in any one of the previous claims, wherein the encoded information is AMR codec encoded information.
14. A telecommunication system including the message encoding format profile functionality as claimed in any one of the previous claims.
15. A telecommunication system as claimed in claim 14, further including a third network based on the first technology, in communication with the second

network, and wherein the message encoding format profile functionality is adapted to enable transport of encoded information along at least a portion of a path of communication established between the first and third networks.

16. In a telecommunication system having a first network based on a first technology and a second network based on a second technology, the second network in communication with the first network, a method of providing a message encoding format profile functionality adapted to enable transport of encoded information along at least a portion of a path of communication established between the networks, the method including:

mapping the encoded information from a first message having a first message encoding format to a second message having a second message encoding format wherein the mapping is performed in accordance with the following steps:

- a) determining message User-to-User Indication information;
- b) determining message Length Indicator information, and;
- c) selecting a message encoding format based on the determination of steps a) and b), above.

17. A method as claimed in claim 16, wherein the step of mapping is based on logical mapping.

18. A method as claimed in claim 17, wherein the step of mapping includes bit stuffing.

19. A method of creating a message for use in a telecommunication system as claimed in claim 14 or 15, the method including the steps of:

providing a message encoding format profile functionality in accordance with the method of any one of claims 16 to 18, and;

creating the second message having a message encoding format as defined by the encoding format selected in step c).

24. A method as claimed in claim 23, wherein the step of mapping is based on logical mapping.

30. A method as herein disclosed.